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- ASIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

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- 1. ON AUGUST 17, ADB BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSIDERED ADB DOC R67-78 ON REVIEW OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR LENDING FROM THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND.
- 2. AUSTRALIAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR URGED THAT GROUP B COUNTRIES SHOULD RECEIVE UP TO 30 PERCENT OF ADF LENDING IN 1978 AND DURING THE DURATION OF ADF III, WITH MAJOR SHARE BEING ALLOCATED TO INDONESIA. AT THE OTHER EXTREME, EDS FROM CANADA, GERMANY AND BELGIUM FELT THAT 15 PERCENT WAS TOO MUCH FOR GROUP B COUNTRIES. U.S., JAPANESE AND INDIAN EDS SUPPORTED MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL. ALL EDS REPRESENTING BORROWING COUNTRIES EXCEPT SRI LANKA ALSO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUPPORTED THE PROPOSAL IN LUKEWARM FASHION PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY EACH HAD DIVIDED LOYALTIES (I.E., THEY REPRESENTED THE FOUR GROUP B AS WELL AS GROUP A COUNTRIES).

3. IN SUPPORTING THE PROPOSAL, U.S. ED MADE POINTS ALONG THE LINES OF REFTEL A, INCLUDING THE POINT THAT THE AMOUNTS FOR GROUP B COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT EXCEED 15 PERCENT OF TOTAL

ADF LENDING DURING THE PERIOD UNDER CONSIDERATION. IN THIS REGARD, MANAGEMENT OBSERVED THAT CONCESSIONAL FUNDS AVAILABLE IN 1978 MAY WELL REACH \$365-\$370 MILLION, OF WHICH GROUP B COUNTRIES COULD RECEIVE 15.5 TO 16 PERCENT. THIS IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT PAPUA NEW GUINEA DID NOT RECEIVE ANY ADF LOANS IN 1977, AND THUS RECEIVED TWO LOANS THIS YEAR, BOTH OF WHICH WERE FROM CONCESSIONAL RESOURCES.

4. PRESIDENT YOSHIDA CONCLUDED THAT THERE WAS A MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF ALL RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARAGRAPH 65 OF DOC R67-78 EXCEPT FOR SUB-PARAGRAPH (L), WHERE MOST EDS EXPRESSED A STRONG PREFERENCE THAT AN INTERIM REVIEW BE CONDUCTED ABOUT THIS TIME IN 1980. THE PRESIDENT AGREED TO HOLD SUCH A REVIEW IN TWO YEARS' TIME. EDMOND

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